

Summary	
Meeting	Standards Committee
Date	11 September 2023
Title	Standards Committee Minutes
Summary	Minutes of Standards Committee meeting held in-person and remotely on Monday, 11 September 2023, at 10am The Committee's attention is drawn to paragraphs 1-30 of the classified appendix.
Attachments	Classified appendix
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Classifications		
Document	Classification¹	Rationales²
Paper	Unclassified	n/a
Classified appendix	Confidential	1, 2 and 3

1 Classifications explained

Unclassified	Papers will be published on the internet and recipients may share them and discuss them freely with anyone. This may include papers marked 'Draft'.
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2 Classification rationales

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Members: Linda Belton (Chair)
Louise Allum
Derek Bray
Danny Chambers
Olivia Cook
Melissa Donald
Claire-Louise McLaughlan
Alice McLeish
Sue Paterson
Matthew Rendle
Tim Walker
Will Wilkinson

In attendance:

RCVS	Eleanor Ferguson	Registrar
	Lizzie Lockett	CEO
	Gemma Kingswell	Head of Legal Services (Standards)
	Beth Jinks	Standards and Advisory Lead
	Victoria Price	Senior Standards and Advice Officer
	Nyero Abboh	Standards and Advice Officer

Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs (Defra)

Raquel Cobos
Zainab Kaj
Laurentiu Patea
Anthony Ridge
Natalie Rodriguez

AI 1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

1. No apologies were received.

Matters for decision

AI 2 (a) GEFS – Confidential

2. Please see confidential appendix from paragraph 1.

AI 2 (b) PSS Assessor structure – Confidential

3. Please see confidential appendix from paragraph 19.

AI 2 (c) Review of under care and OOH – Confidential

4. Please see confidential appendix from paragraph 24.

Matters for report

AI 3 (a) Riding Establishments Subcommittee Report

5. The report was noted.

AI 3 (b) PSS report

6. The report was noted.

Confidential matters for report

AI 4 (a) Routine Veterinary Practice Subcommittee Report – Confidential

7. Please see confidential appendix from paragraph 32.

AI 4 (b) Ethics Review Panel Report – Confidential

8. Please see confidential appendix from paragraph 33.

AI 4 (c) Certification Subcommittee Report – Confidential

9. Please see confidential appendix from paragraph 34.

AI 5 Risk and equality

10. Nothing added.

AI 6 Any other business and date of next meeting on 13 November 2023

11. It was noted that Defra had provided draft Questions & Answers on veterinary attestations as considered at the last meeting. If comments are needed, these will be sent around to the Committee by email.

Table of actions – Confidential

12. Please see confidential appendix.